Booking office on railway land at Mulund

1821. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for a Booking Office on the railway land at the Kalyan end of Platform No. 1 at Mu'und (Bom bay); and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for setting up the Booking Office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Some representations have been received.

(b) A proposal to provide a Booking Office with six Booking Windows at Kalyan end of Platform No. 1 at Muland Railway Station has been included in the Preliminary Works Programme 1989-90.

Introduction of shipping service between Bombay and Mangalore

1822. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there i[s] a great demand for passenger Ships between Bombay a'nd Mangalore; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to introduce these passenger shipping service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) There is a demand for a passenger service between Bombay and Mangalore, shipping Corporation of India have been directed to start preliminary work on a techno-econo-mic feasibility report for a Ro-Ro Passenger-Cum-Cargo ferry service to be included in the Eighth Plan.

Laying telephone Obles in East ot Kuria Station Bombay

1823. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a big Railway Colony and other residential areas on the East of Kuria Station in Bombay;

(b) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Bombay, has applied for permission for laying of telephone Cables to cater the needs of this area;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which the permission has not been given yet; and

(d) by when the permission is expected to be given by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The permission for laying the cable was granted by Railway on 29-10-1986.

(d) Does not arise.

Short-fall in the target of primary education for children

1824. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what achievement has been anticipated in th[e] field of imparting primary education to children at the end of the current plan period, as ""egainst the target;

(b) what are the reasons for the expected shortfall in the target, if any;

(c) what is the percentage of annual increase in the drop outs at the primary education level at the end of 19S7, till date, and which of the State